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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

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1 (partially), 2-6, 10-26 (partially)

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 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1 (partially), 2-6, 10-26 (partially)

A gene cassette for the glycosylation of an aglycone by a mycaminose; a process for the preparation of erythromycins and azithromycins containing a mycaminose by use of the gene cassette; erythromycins and azithromycins comprising a 5-mycaminose sugar; erythromycin and azithromycin precursors (aglycones, see claims 20, 21 R15 = H)

2. claims: 1 (partially), 7-9, 10-26 (partially)

A gene cassette for the glycosylation of an aglycone by an angulosamine; a process for the preparation of erythromycins and azithromycins containing an angulosamine by use of the gene cassette; erythromycins and azithromycins comprising a 5-angulosamine sugar

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